

$0 \leq a \leq 40\% d_{113}$

and thereby especially preferred

$a \approx 30\% d_{113}$

43. The set of claim 42 wherein the surface area of said tapered ring segment of said receiving ring is smaller than 30% of the surface of said target body to be sputtered.--

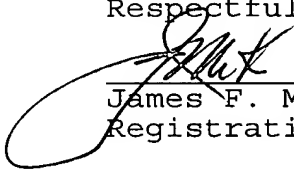
REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the specification and to the claims before examination of the application is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #622/42052).

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